

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 12.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A composite element having the following layer structure:

- Sub B1
- A1
- (i) from 2 to 20 mm of metal,
 - (ii) from 10 to 300 mm of polyisocyanate polyaddition products comprising the reaction product of (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds which are reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of from 0.1 to 50% by volume, based on the volume of the polyisocyanate polyaddition products, of at least one gas (c) and also, optionally, (d) catalysts and/or (f) auxiliaries and/or additives,
 - (iii) from 2 to 20 mm of metal.

Sub B1
Sub B2

7. (Amended) A process for producing a composite element as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein polyisocyanate polyaddition products (ii) which adhere to (i) and (iii) are prepared between (i) and (iii) by reacting (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds which are reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of from 0.1 to 50% by volume, based on the volume of the polyisocyanate polyaddition products, of at least one gas (c) and also, optionally, (d) catalysts and/or (e) auxiliaries and/or additives.

Sub B1
Sub B2

10. (Amended) A composite element obtained in accordance with a process as claimed in claim 7.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination of the present application as amended herein.

Claims 1, 7 and 10 have been amended. Upon entry of the above preliminary amendment,